

## School Council Notes 10-7-2020

**Members Present:** Miss Pat, Katie Bourne, Steve Kelly, Pam Pecchio, Nicole Sulliavn  
Aimee Moreno, Dahir Abdi, Leslie Williams-Dunn

**Guests Present:** Rachelle Begley, Marcy West, Marnie Gale, Tina Lieu, Laurie LaPorte, Katie Stockman,  
Megan Postal, Maria, Renee Daniliuk

### General Information:

- School Council meetings are open to the community and anyone can come to them. The dates are posted on the Cambridge City page
- The format will be: Principal opening comments, Working Groups presenting comments, A working task for the Council, voting if necessary (only Council members vote)
- Looking ahead: October meeting - planning meeting  
November meeting - Tri-ad meeting  
December meeting - working meeting to come up with a mission statement
- If families want something brought up at School Council they will need to bring it to one of the working groups (FAC, Connections, FoP) for it to be added to the agenda
- School Council is defined by the state as a group of staff and parents who look at the work being done in the school and how it can be supported. School Council does not solicit questions from parents to talk about each month. Families can also bring any questions to a parent representative on School Council for them to bring their question to the meeting.
- Pam Pecchio suggested putting something in place for parents to reach out to the parent representative on School Council
- Katie Bourne will be stepping down this year from School Council. Staff will be asked if there is anyone who would like to replace her. There will also be information sent home to families to see if there is any other parents who would like to join School Council.
- School Council Meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of the month from 7:30-8:15
- Re-looking at the date for the November meeting
- Meetings can be extended by time in given advanced notice
- Miss Pat reviewed the Equity Explanation chart and the form will be updated as the areas progress
- Every school gets an improvement budget every year. The remaining monies for this year will be used towards the equity work. Miss Pat will let the School Council know how much money is left.
- We will be working on last year's School Improvement (SIP) plan since a new one was not created in the spring. Work for next year's SIP will begin this year.

### **Principal's Report:**

- Everyday is a new day with new information to the point of overload. Miss Pat is seeing a lot of excitement from families for the start of the school year.
- We have 318 total students and 126 coming in person on 10/13.
- Grading and assessments will look different this year and how those will be done will come from the district
- Miss Pat will be answering all the questions from the Town Hall and updates on staffing will be sent to families
- The Equity Leadership Team will meet in October to come up with how the 15 PD hours will be used by staff. After their first meeting the members will be announced.
- All water fountains will be closed
- FAC is satisfied with the school building opening
- There were good candidates for the social worker position and someone was hired but still needs to be approved by the district.

### **Peabody Connections Report:**

- Connections will be sending out a monthly newsletter with information on meetings
- There are 5 working groups within Connections:
  - Room parents group
  - Language group to use as a resource for making material more accessible for our ELL families
  - Social Justice interest group
  - Playground/grounds group
  - Teacher/Staff appreciation group

### **Friends of Peabody (FoP) Report:**

- The FoP is the fundraising group for the school. They are looking to shift to different kinds of fundraising to reflect the current times.
- Looking to wait on giving out funds to see how things shake out
- They will be changing the request form
- Grant requests will be granted exclusively for academic purposes